

House Resolution 803

By: Representative Yates of the 73rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Mount Zion United Methodist Campground on the occasion of its 175th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, located less than a mile from Highway 16 in Western Spalding County,
4 Georgia, the Mount Zion United Methodist Campground celebrates 175 years of tradition
5 and festivities this year; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1834, the Mount Zion United Methodist Campground held its first
7 revival meeting under brush arbors that were later replaced with the construction of a small
8 tabernacle; and

9 WHEREAS, meetings were held each year in late August in order for people in the area to
10 attend worship services and live on the campgrounds while participating in praise and
11 fellowship; and

12 WHEREAS, families from miles around would gather at the campground, bringing most of
13 the contents of their home and their farms such as livestock and furniture; and

14 WHEREAS, the original tabernacle was used for many years until the Civil War, when
15 deterioration called for the structure to be rebuilt; and

16 WHEREAS, an initial fund raiser secured \$3,000 for the new structure and timber from the
17 over 200 acres of the campground property were used to build the tabernacle and the pews,
18 with construction completing in 1870; and

19 WHEREAS, sadly, the structure was struck by lightning in 1959 and burned completely to
20 the ground, causing the annual gathering to be held under a large tent; and

21 WHEREAS, shortly after the fire, a new structure was built and the ministry continued to
22 thrive and prosper; and

23 WHEREAS, in the 1970's the church organized a youth program that has remained a success
24 over the years and brings together children from pre-school to college age to learn about the
25 Word of God and create life-long friendships; and

26 WHEREAS, the long-standing annual meeting has been moved from August to July and lasts
27 a week, but the tradition and motivation behind the original campground meetings have
28 remained the same for the last 175 years.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Mount Zion United Methodist Campground for its
31 rich tradition of spiritual revival and extend their most sincere congratulations on the
32 occasion of its 175th anniversary.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Mount Zion United
35 Methodist Campground.